Amendments to Petroleum Regulatory Board Bill

1581. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the Group of Ministers on the States' proposal of amendments to the Petroleum Regulatory Board Bill have been brought before the Cabinet;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the views of the State Government of Gujarat for two tier system i.e. Centre Regulatory and State Regulatory has not been incorporated in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Bill/Act 2006; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) After taking into account the recommendations of the Group of Ministers on the draft Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board Bill, the same was approved by the Cabinet for introducing in the Parliament in December 2005. The Bill was passed by the Parliament in March 2006 and the Government has since notified the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act on 3.4.2006.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) Petroleum & Natural Gas are subjects on the Union List and the Government of India has the exclusive jurisdiction to legislate on issues relating to them. The Act does not provide for two-tier regulation system or for setting up a state regulatory board.

Crude Production Target

†1582. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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